IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 1131 OF 2006

Shobhnath Rajpat Yadav. .. Petitioner.

vs.

State of Maharashtra

& Ors. .. Respondents.

Mrs. P.U. Badadare i/by P.R. Arjunwadkar

for Petitioner.

Shri A.S. Gadkari, APP., for State.

CORAM : J.N. PATEL, AND

SMT. ROSHAN DALVI, JJ.

DATE : 17th August, 2006.

P.C.

. The learned counsel for the parties.

2. This petition can be disposed of at the stage of admission itself. The petitioner is doing business of transportation and is owner of Tata tanker having registration No. MH-04 BG 1094 which came to be seized by the Police Station, Mangaon on the allegation that kerosene was being mixed with chemical which was transported in the said motor vehicle and, therefore, they registered Crime No.

11/2005 dated 13.07.2005 under the Essential Commodities Act the tanker along with the material loaded in the tanker. On this the petitioner has filed an application before the Collector, Raigad at Alibag which is Annexure Exhibit A. The limited relief which the petitioner seeks from this Court is that the respondent no. 2 should dispose of the application filed by the petitioner within a reasonable time. The learned APP submits that this Court may pass appropriate orders.

3. We, therefore, direct the respondent no. 2 to dispose of the application filed by the petitioner as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of communication of this order. The order be communicated by the petitioner to respondent no. 2.

4. Petition disposed of accordingly.

. C.C. expedited.

(J.N. Patel, J.)

(Smt. Roshan Dalvi, J.)